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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 248
By Beavers

A RESOLUTION To honor and recognize Eugene DePrince, 2001
Valedictorian of Oakland High School.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and tireless commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Eugene DePrince is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2001 graduating class at Oakland High School; and

WHEREAS, Through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and unwavering commitment of time and talent, Eugene has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our Nation; and

WHEREAS, During his four years at Oakland High School, he has been a valuable and active member of many school clubs and programs, including the Governor's School, Mid-State Choir, NEDT, and PLAN; and

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WHEREAS, In his remarkable high school career, Eugene DePrince has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; his display of intellectual aptitude and ambition at Oakland High School surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, This is not his first significant accomplishment, Eugene has also achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, the Boy Scouts of America's highest recognition; and

WHEREAS, A well-rounded and enthusiastic individual, he is the recipient of the Outstanding Mascot Award; and

WHEREAS, Eugene DePrince's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Albert and Anne DePrince, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Eugene 's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor 2001 Oakland High School Valedictorian, Eugene DePrince, commend him on his impressive academic achievements, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.